

Julie,

I listened in to June 16, 2015 Southern California hearing via phone. I would like to support all the attendants who spoke. I will not repeat the detail that has been discussed, but want to stress on some of the points.

I agree that merely restricting precipitation rate and irrigation efficiency works only in calculation but not realistic goal. Rather than limiting irrigation method to drip systems, address the concern by updating obsolete spray nozzles, modifying watering practice, improving soil properties, and utilizing creative grading and drainage design will reduce water use and keep water within the planting beds where needed. I believe we have many good tools and products in the market and many already in use to apply minimum amount of water the plants need in the way they need. Management is the key.

I strongly feel that by requiring the use of only low and very low water requirement plants in full sun exposure area and only allowing moderate water use plants in shade area for new construction and renovation will lower water needs. Continuing rebate incentive program, as well as public education would encourage existing high and moderate water use landscape to be renovated to lower water use plants.

High density planting often required by municipality inhibits designers and landscape architects to design the planting layout to the plant's maximum advantages and capacity as well as for the economy of water and irrigation equipment.

I hope the committee will consider our voices.  
Thank you.

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